

Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Wetland Individual Permit

Wisconsin Central Railroad, 17641 S. Ashland Ave., Homewood, IL 60430 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to discharge dredged or fill material into wetlands along its track North of Hwy B and south of the Amnicon River.

The project is located Section 20, Township 47 North, Range 12 West, Town of Hawthorne, Douglas County.

The project is to construct a second set of tracks to allow more efficient movement of trains

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 281.36, 401 CWA, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will approve the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday February 12, 2015 from 1- 4 p.m. at the Hawthorn Town Hall 7221 Town Hall Road.

The Department scheduled a public hearing on this activity or project because the Department received a request for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above. Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing Steven.LaValley@wisconsin.gov or writing to Steven LaValley, 1701 North Fourth St., Superior, WI 54880 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the permit decision document.

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For the Secretary

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Date